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My dear Maharaja sahib,

Very many thanks for Your Highness very kind letterwhich I was very pleased to recieve, and to know that you were enjoying the trip.

Also many thanks for your very kind invitation. I will without fail reach Mysore about the middle of November and Pandit Bhawani Shankar ji will also be with me. I have induced him to accompany me and stay there atleast for a few days. If your Highness will want me to stay on I am prepared to be with you till the beginning or even middle of January.

I should very much like to meet your Highness on your way back from Kashmir provided the timings of your train are such as to give some time for gossip. For instance if your train passes Lahore and Ambala during the day time I could join your highness say at Lahore and stop at Ambala.

I wonder if I wrote to your highness before that an Italian sculptor had come here. From him I got two models made here one of Shri Krishna and the other of Lord Buddha

according to my own idea. They were indeed most beautiful
I have ordered him to make in marble. He has gone back to Italy
and will bring thosenmade from there. He is charging 3000/ for
both. I wonder if you would like to order the both for your
palace. I think it is a thing which a Bhakta like your Highness
ought to have. If you want them I could communicate to him and
he will bring along with him another pair. He will be back
by December as Maharaja Patiala has given him a large order
for a fountain and H.H.of Bhartpur has given him a big order
for statues.

Hoping this finds Your Highness in the best of health

With most respectful regards

I remain

Ever Yours

Vasit Singh

Blessings from The Holy Cross.